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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the **bolded paragraph** on page 13 of Applicant's 15 September 2006 Amendment, submitted herewith is a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 sworn by Ikuo HIYAMA (a skilled artisan having at least sixteen (16) years of experience in the same art as the present invention), for overcoming the standing 112, 1st para. "written description" rejection. That is, Ikuo HIYAMA's sword declaration sets forth facts and analysis reasonably concluding that the '725 inventors had possession of the claimed invention at the time of filing the '725 application, i.e., specifically amended independent claim 1's claimed "illumination control means for controlling an illumination start time and an illumination "on" time of each of the illumination areas of the illumination unit independently, *in response to a result of the comparison of a new display data with a previous display*

data" (emphasis added), and/or amended independent claim 11's claimed "illumination control means for controlling the light amount adjusting part of the illumination unit **in response to a result of the comparison of a new picture signal with a previous picture signal**, to control a lighting timing and a lighting period of time of each of the plurality of illumination areas of the light source independently" (emphasis added).

During the 03 August 2006 examiner interview, the Examiner indicated that a 132 Declaration from a skilled artisan would likely overcome the 112, 1st para. "written description" rejection. Further, the Examiner indicated that if the 112, 1st para. "written description" rejection was overcome, then the Examiner would also likely withdraw the admittedly weaker 112, 2nd para. rejection regarding "substantially" and the 103 rejection based upon the Okamura et al. and Chen references. In view of the presently-submitted 132 Declaration (as well as all the arguments submitted within Applicant's 15 September 2006 Amendment), reconsideration/withdrawal of all standing objections/rejections, and allowance of Applicant's claims, are respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

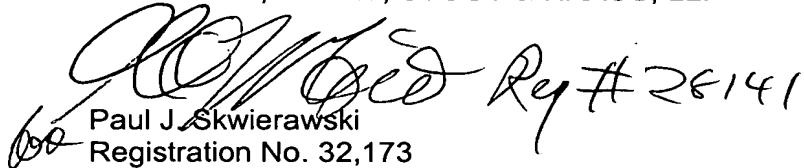
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.39221CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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